

Nine free programs at the state of Delaware's downtown Dover museums during November 2014

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 22, 2014)—The state of Delaware's three downtown Dover museums—[The Old State House](#), the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and the [First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries](#)—will be presenting nine special programs during the month of November 2014. Events will be held at each of the museums on Nov. 1 in conjunction with [First Saturday in the First State](#); on Nov. 4 in celebration of Election Day; and on Nov. 11 in commemoration of Veteran's Day. All programs are free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5055.



House of Representatives chamber in The Old State House. Photo by Don Pearse Photographers.

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Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014

"Man's Best Friend." Guided tours explore one of the most celebrated canines in the world—Nipper, the dog who adorns the Victor trademark, "His Masters Voice." Programs will also include original Victor recordings played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. First Saturday in the First State program. Johnson Victrola Museum, 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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"18th Century Market Fair." Programs explore an era when The Green served as the focal point of life in Dover as historical interpreters explore the goods, wares and political attitudes of the 1700s. The Old State House will celebrate the fair with special tours and appearances by historical re-enactors. Sponsored by the First State Heritage Park. The Green, Dover. 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014

"An Illegal Activity." Utilizing the exhibit "[An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware](#)" as a backdrop, guided tours will explore Delaware's crucial role in the Underground Railroad and on two Delaware leaders who aided in this "freedom enterprise." First Saturday in the First State program. First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries, Delaware Public Archives building, 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dover. Tours at 10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11, 2014

"The People's House." In honor of Election Day, guided tours will explore the significance of The Old State House and the many state and county governmental functions that were conducted there between 1791 and 1933. The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014

"Swing." In celebration of Election Day, guests will be treated to the sounds of Swing music as recorded by Victor Records on 78-rpm disks and played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. Johnson Victrola Museum, 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014

“The Victors of World War I: The Power of Music.” In celebration of Veterans Day, this lively program will examine music’s influence during World War I when patriotic songs were being composed throughout America. Hear 78-rpm recordings of this inspirational music played on authentic Victor Talking Machines, and explore how the Victor Talking Machine Company’s Camden, N.J. factory led the fight to make the world safe for democracy. Johnson Victrola Museum, 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



Sheet-music cover for the patriotic song, “Over There.” The song will be featured in the program “The Victors of World War I: The Power of Music” at the Johnson Victrola Museum on Nov. 11, 2014.

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